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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, CU, CO  
SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO AND THE CUBAN ISSUE

1. DURING A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN  
MINISTER LIEVANO, HE AGAIN STRESSED HIS BELIEF  
THAT THE LATIN DESIRE TO POSTPONE THE BUENOS AIRES  
MFM WAS DUE MORE TO THE POTENTIAL DIVISIVENESS  
OF THE CUBAN QUESTION THAN TO THE REACTION TO THE  
TRADE ACT. HE LABELED THE MEXICAN ANNOUNCEMENT  
THAT IT WOULD NOT ATTEND THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING IF  
CUBA DID NOT AS THE COUP DE GRACE. LIEVANO SAID THAT  
HE KNEW THAT US SPOKESMEN HAD DENIED THAT THE CUBAN  
ISSUE HAD MUCH TO DO WITH THE POSTPONEMENT, BUT HE  
SAID, "WE LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS KNOW THAT  
IT DID".

2. THESE COMMENTS ARE INTERESTING FOR WHAT THEY TELL  
OF LIEVANOS OBSESSION WITH THE CUBAN ISSUE AND HIS  
CONTINUED SMARTING OVER THE FAILURE OF THE QUITO  
MEETING. HIS CHAGRIN AND EMBARRASSMENT REGARDING  
THE LATTER STILL HURT HIM DEEPLY AND HE CANNOT  
DISASSOCIATE US FROM THAT EVENT. IT IS, I THINK,  
IMPORTANT TO KEEP THIS OBSESSION IN MIND WHEN  
TALKING OR DEALING WITH LIEVANO. THIS ALSO RESULTS  
IN HIS BEING ONE OF THE PRIME PUSHERS AMONG PRESIDENT  
LOPEZ ADVISORS FOR A NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH  
CUBA. AND, INDEED, EITHER PARTIAL OR FULL NORMALIZA-  
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TION OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND CUBA APPEARS  
FAIRLY IMMINENT.

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